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GRAPHOPHONE EMPLOYEES REFUSE TO GO TO WORK WITHOUT HOLIDAY PAY

Company Won't Recognize Lincoln's Birthday As Occasion of Double Pay and Workers Absent Themselves.

Washington's Birthday, Too, Included in Notice Posted By Company—Only Foremen and Few Others Report This Forenoon.

Alleging that the management of the American Graphophone Co. had broken faith and its agreement with them made after the strike last fall, practically all the employees of the factory refused to work today. Although officials of the company declared the factory was running short-handed the employees said that none but the foremen was in the shop and no production was being carried on.

Yesterday noon employees on leaving the factory saw a notice which said that the company does not recognize Lincoln's birthday or Washington's birthday as holidays within the meaning of the agreement with the employees, and that the regular time only would be paid for those days, and the factory would run as usual. After the notice was read an indignation meeting was held during the noon hour. An attempt was made by some of the employees to see George Haines, works manager of the factory. He could not be found and then the employees agreed that no one would report for duty today.

A number of those who did not know about the vote reported. Some of those who had voted to stay out were at the entrances of the factory early this morning to watch those who went in. They said that the men who reported for work left the factory as soon as they saw the majority did not intend to work. Only the foremen remained. It is claimed.

It is said that the company intends to recognize the holidays on which it has been accustomed to close the factory such as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The employees are protesting against this agreement with the men for double time on holidays. Other factories in the West End were closed with the exception of the American Tube & Stamping Co. The employees there have no agreement for extra time on holidays.

Herbert A. Budlong, assistant manager of the American Graphophone Co. said today: "It is true that we posted a notice saying that our factory would run today and on Washington's birthday. It is also true that a large number of our employees did not report for work today and the factory is running as usual and will run on Washington's birthday."

The Bryant Electric Co. closed its plant for the day as did the Hawley Hubbell Co. and the American Graphophone Co. Both factories have an agreement with their employees to pay time and a half for holidays. At both factories it was said that most of the employees preferred the holiday rather than work, and so the management thought best to close.

At the Simeon Hard Rubber Co. factory, the shop committee waited on Carl F. Simeon, the president, and asked that the factory close. Mr. Simeon explained that the concern has so many orders that it would not be policy to close. A number of employees stayed out today, preferring the holiday to the time and a half wages they would be entitled to if they worked.

The Columbia Nut & Bolt Co. was working as usual. All employees will receive double time. At the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. and at the factory of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. it was said that the companies did not consider today a holiday in the sense of their agreement with their employees. The agreement made with the striking employees some time ago is that the factory shall close on New Year's, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If the factories work these days time and a half is to be paid to the employees.

It was said, however, that at present it is the intention of the management to grant the holidays by closing. Warner Bros. Co. was running as usual. John W. Field, superintendent of the factory, said that all employees had reported for work. He said the management had not considered closing today or Washington's Birthday. He said the company had made no agreement to pay its employees extra compensation for labor on holidays.

Behind Closed Doors, Board of Relief Is Sorting Out Appeals

Members of the board of relief aid locked doors in the tax collector's office today began the work of sorting out the appeals and arranging them in routes. Monday morning they will start on a viewing tour of the manufacturing and large real estate holdings where material reductions in assessments have been asked. Up to the present less than \$20,000 in reductions have been made, mostly on small homes. It is said that no material increases have as yet been made on business or other property.

President William A. Lewis of the board of relief said today: "We intend to do what we think is right in the matter of adjusting assessments. We have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish. In fact, I hope we have no enemies. We want to arrange the list so that everyone will pay his just bill."

Arrest Three For Theft Of Half Million

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Confession to the robberies at the international revenue office in St. Paul in January when stamps valued at \$550,000 and \$3,000 in cash were stolen, was obtained today from one of three men arrested with their wives here last night.

Those arrested were Edward Leonard, Julia Leonard, John J. Zeck, Mrs. Zeck, Michael Flanagan and Mrs. Catherine Flanagan. The officers are said to have recovered most of the stamps.

According to the officers Mrs. Flanagan planned the robbery. When Leonard and his wife were arrested, thousands of dollars' worth of revenue stamps were found.

With the Leonard was found 11 year old Evelyn Zeck, who led detectives to the home of her father, where John Zeck and his wife were arrested and where it is said more stamps were found. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Zeck are said by the police to be sisters.

Flanagan and his wife were arrested at their home.

NEGRO NEARLY BESTS HOWELL AND CONSTABLE

Special Policeman and Deputy State Officer Have Hands Full In Arrest.

A lively tussle occurred at Main and Franklin streets shortly after 9 o'clock this morning when A. L. French, of Trumbull, and Alexander Howell, agents of the Animal Rescue League, attempted to arrest John Gilmore, colored, when he was seen abusing a pair of horses he was driving. Gilmore was driving a five-ton truck, heavily loaded, and endeavoring to mount the steep Congress street hill. He was unable to do so and headed his horses north on Main street. Agent French had warned him to stop abusing the animals on Congress street and the former followed the wagon up Main street. Gilmore is alleged to have again abused the horses in front of the Army and Agent French placed him under arrest. He resisted the efforts of French to lock him up and Agent Howell hove upon the scene during the tussle.

Gilmore is a truckman for the Lattin Storage and Trucking Co. He weighs about 250 pounds. Howell and French grappled with Gilmore and the burly teamster was getting the best of the struggle when the aid of Agent Howell was brought into play. Howell twisted the wrist of Gilmore until the giant truckman yelled for mercy. He was taken to police headquarters and a charge of cruelty to animals placed against him. He will be tried in the city court Monday. Marks were visible upon the sides of the animals when they were taken to the police station.

POISON IN SOUP AT BANQUET FOR CHURCH PRELATE

Hotel Manager Sees Fanatic's Work in Sudden Illness of 500 Diners.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The belief that the mad gypsy maniac at the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein at the University Club, Thursday night, were victims of a deliberate attempt to poison was announced today by Manager Doherty, of the club.

According to his statement a considerable amount of active poison was placed by an employee of the club kitchen in the soup served at the banquet. The man was described to the police as a fanatic whose mentality possibly was disordered. The name of the suspected person was not divulged by Manager Doherty, who said that analysis of the soup had disclosed a carefully equipped laboratory and several vials of poison, one of which corresponded to the poison found by analysis of the soup.

Archbishop Mundelein did not partake of the soup.

ANNEALING OVENS SET FIRE TO WHITING PLANT
Excess heat from the annealing ovens at the Whiting Silver Co. in Bishop avenue at 6:43 this morning set fire to the pickling tubs. An alarm of fire was rung in from the private box of the company. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals and the damages were trifling.

HERSEY JUSTICE IS PROMISED TO SLAYER KRALIK

Bound Over Today, He Will Face Superior Court Tuesday.

FOUR MURDER CASES ARE SCHEDULED HERE

Haines, Held For Wife Murder, Will Be Tried In February Term.

Paul Kralik, who was bound over in the city court this morning for the murder of John Cajorik or Czenowicki, has been listed on the docket of the criminal superior court, which convenes in this city next Tuesday. It is unusual for a prisoner to be placed on the criminal superior court list so soon after being bound over but city court officials telephoned to the county court house this morning and were just in time to get Kralik's name on the docket.

Jason Haines, who is alleged to have murdered his wife in Trumbull, and John H. Coleman of this city, alleged slayer of a fellow workman, are on the docket as are also William F. Fair and Jack Deveraux of Darien, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Margaret Fair.

It was announced this morning that Rev. William Wallace Rose, pastor of the Universalist church, will open court with prayer. Judge Webb of New Haven will be on the bench. The complete list of prisoners is as follows:

From Bridgeport: Theresa Batta, charged with adultery; Kate Jones, theft from person; Howard Baird, horse theft; George Fabel, living off a lewd woman; James Holloran, adultery; Thomas B. Sember, embezzlement; Thomas Holman, embezzlement; Edna Bondyke, theft; Ernest Ruffen, intent to kill; Joseph Kunmer, intent to kill; Louis W. Moore, robbery; Louis Proszpocz, robbery; John F. Grace, robbery; Michael Fely, robbery; John Collins, manslaughter; John Stacey, manslaughter; Patrick Collins, manslaughter; Joseph Collins, manslaughter; Martin Kurbick, burglary; Alex Siatka, burglary; Rudolph Stary, burglary; John Bolak, burglary; Paul Warner, burglary; Albert Lewis, burglary; James J. Roach, burglary; John H. Coleman, manslaughter; Jason Haines, murder; Chas. Lowery, aggravated assault; Paul Gallagher, aggravated assault; Paul Kralik, murder.
From Norwalk: James King, burglary; Randolph Reed, bigamy; James H. Price, theft.
From Stamford: Alfred Johnson, burglary; Max Kaufman, embezzlement; Louis Rothenberg, burglary.
From Greenwich: Thos. Hayes, burglary.
From Westport: Antonio Nuzzo, intent to kill; Dennis Shea, theft of poultry.
From Newtown: Wm. Schoffer, assault.
From Sherman: George Turner, burglary.

Bond Cases
Bridgeport: Robert Hoppe, theft; Peter Phillips, burglary; Edw. Fischman, receiving stolen goods; Ray Reiss, breach of peace; Margaret Roy, living off a lewd woman; Ralph Borino, living off a lewd woman; Westport: George S. Jennings, violation of liquor law.

THREE SHIFTS IN REMINGTON CO.'S AUDITING OFFICE

Local Arms Plant Adopts Unique Plan For Conducting Department.

It is reported today that for the first time in Bridgeport an office or semi-office force will be put on the three-shift plan. This innovation will begin Monday next in the auditing department of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. where the pay roll force of about 110 men will be divided into three shifts of 35 each, working one shift for a period of one week each.

Under the new plan the force which has heretofore worked from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. will be divided and hereafter will work as follows: First shift from 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.; second shift from 3:30 to midnight; third shift from midnight until 7 a. m.

It is further reported from authentic sources that during the last week 10 fully completed rifles have been turned over to the inspection of officials of the company. These 10 rifles are the first complete instruments that have been turned out and are looked upon theoretically to represent a cost of nearly one million dollars each, though actually the work upon preparing parts for millions of guns has been nearly constant and when actual production begins they will be turned out by the thousands daily.

It is understood that the contracts obtained by the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. do not call for first deliveries until May and by that time it is known that the educational period needed to instruct workers in the operation of machines and the actual production of efficient weapons of warfare will have been passed and this country will have more workers upon warfare guns than ever before.

The production of military rifles is one of the least known arts in industrial America.

THE WEATHER

Snow or rain tonight and probably Sunday.

INTERNEED GERMAN LINER MAKES DASH FOR OCEAN; HALTED BY BATTLESHIPS

EIGHTEEN BODIES TAKEN FROM WRECKED SHAFT; OTHERS STILL ENTOMBED

Indiana, Pa., Feb. 12.—Rescuers worked in relays throughout the night in an effort to penetrate the workings of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron company's mine at Ernst where an explosion occurred yesterday. Eighteen bodies have been recovered but according to officials of the company at least six men are still entombed.

Shortly after the explosion occurred rescue teams from neighboring mines were dispatched to the scene and the work of searching the debris began. Because of the condition of the mine, however, this work progressed slowly.

County authorities as well as state mine inspectors began an investigation of the explosion. The efforts of the crew of the bureau of mines' rescue car resulted in bringing to light another man who had been killed. The workings ahead of the rescue crews, however, were found to be filled with after damp, and all hope of further rescue was abandoned, although the crews continued to work.

Inquiry into the cause of the explosion was begun today by Coroner Butterbaugh and officials of the company. Later in the day the bodies were brought here for interment.

GAS TURNED ON IN HOTEL ROOM; LODGER KILLED

Another in Serious Condition Following Accident At Waterbury.

Waterbury, Feb. 12.—John T. Francis of Westerly, R. I., is dead, and Donald Rees, whose home is said to be in Wales, is in a serious condition at Waterbury hospital today as a result of a supposedly accidental opening of a gas jet in their room at the Stafford House. Both men were machinists.

Francis, who was ill yesterday, remained in bed most of the day, and Rees returned from his work about 9 o'clock last night. Nothing is known about the subsequent movements of either until the door of their room was opened this morning after a maid had reported that there was a strong odor of gas coming from the room. Francis is said to have a widow and daughter in Westerly and he had a card in his pocket showing membership in the Westerly lodge of Moose.

NATIONAL BOARD APPROVES LOCAL TRADE TRAINING

Industrial School at Bridgeport To Be Discussed at Big Convention.

The International Association of Master Painters, through the local organization, has invited the Bridgeport trade school to take part in the coming convention at Cincinnati, O., Feb. 4 to 15.

James F. Johnson, superintendent of the trade school, will be present, and an exhibition of the work upon by apprentices in Bridgeport will be shown in the exhibition hall at the convention.

This exhibit consists of photographs of painting jobs, decorative jobs and all papering work that has been done from time to time by the boys as part of their instruction. The work the Bridgeport school has been doing has interested the national committee to such an extent that the Bridgeport plan of teaching a trade is to be one of the main issues on the Trade School Day, which has been set aside by the convention.

It is Mr. Johnson's plan to spend part of his time investigating the Gary system, which is in operation in the public schools at Gary, Indiana. Much interest is manifest in this particular plan in New York city, and lately in Bridgeport.

Has Insomnia, Takes Walk At Dawn; Falls Into River; Sleeps

Thompsonville, Conn., Feb. 12.—William Maddock, a member of the local fire department, unable to sleep, took a walk before sun-up today and while doing so fell from the bridge which spans the Connecticut river here, swam to the pier in the middle of the river, attracted the attention of the watchman in a nearby mill by his cries and clung to his support until rescued, although he lapsed into unconsciousness before he was hauled up a ladder to the bridge walk.

In spite of the experience, Maddock this afternoon was in comfortable condition and will probably feel no bad effects.

LOVERS' QUARREL CAUSE OF GIRL'S SUICIDE, HE SAYS

College Student Admits To Police That He Rejected Dead Girl's Love.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—William H. Orpet, a junior at the University of Wisconsin, today confessed to detectives at Madison, Wis., knowledge of the death by poison of Marion Frances Lambert, 18 years old, a student at the Lake Forest High school, whose body was found in a wooded section of Lake Forest on Thursday. Orpet, in custody of detectives, is en route to Lake Forest, where he will testify at the coroner's inquest into the death of the girl.

According to the statement of officers, Orpet said he met Miss Lambert in the woods near the Sacred Heart Academy, Wednesday morning by appointment. He said she pleaded with him for two hours to renew his friendship with her. He said he declined. Then, according to the officers, Orpet said he left her and as he did so she swallowed the poison which caused her death. Orpet said he wrote the young woman a letter, making an appointment and telling her that he did not wish to continue their friendship. Later he wrote another letter to be delivered to her home in Lake Forest.

Orpet's confession came at the end of a five hour cross-examination at the hands of detectives and State's Attorney Dady, of Lake county, Illinois. Prior to that time he had stoutly refused to testify.

The Lake Forest authorities today made public the statement of David James, a deaf mute, who claims to have witnessed the girl's death.

ELECTRIC PLANT NEARLY WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Breaker's Wife, Apparently Ignorant of Escape, Asks About Release.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 12.—Several arrests have followed the attempt to blow up the plant of the Eastern Electrolytic Alkali Co. here last night. The explosion, which was in a new building under construction, slightly damaged the walls. No one was injured. The police found several sticks of dynamite concealed under one wall. The company is believed to have contracts with the alkali for certain materials used in the war zone. There is no labor trouble at the plant.

Hanging Out Clothes, Falls Three Floors; Now Reported Dying

New Britain, Feb. 12.—While hanging out clothes on a third floor porch this morning, Mrs. Michael Ponsie, aged 25, lost her balance and fell to the ground. Her skull was fractured and she is in the hospital. Her death is anticipated.

Landlord Raises Rent As Widow Mourns Over Bier

Yesterday, while the body of John P. Conlen, late postoffice employee lay in a room at his home, 454 Pembroke St., and his widow and two small children were mourning over their dead, they were disturbed by the landlord who came to tell them that after the 20th of the month, their rent would be five dollars a month more than they were paying for the small flat.

Steamer Asuncion, Tied Up At Para Since Beginning of War, Heads Out To Sea Under Cover of Fog—Had Been Given Permission To Move From Berth To Take on Water—Cruisers Fire Blank Shots At First, and Then Drop Shells Near Fleeing Ship Before Halting Her.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 12.—Under cover of a dense fog, the German steamship Asuncion, interned since the outbreak of the war, today made a daring dash to sea.

The attempt to escape was frustrated by two Brazilian cruisers that fired on the fleeing liner. The commander of the Asuncion put back to port when several shells dropped near his ship. At port, later, he denied that he was trying to escape.

Local authorities have opened an investigation of the incident which has caused widespread excitement.

The Asuncion's captain yesterday received permission to leave her berth and move to a port to take on water. The steamer lifted anchor this morning, under the veil of a heavy fog.

Heading straight out to sea, the Asuncion was well under way when the alarm was given.

The Brazilian cruisers Republica and Teffe immediately put after the merchant ship. Blank shots were fired and orders given for the Asuncion to come about.

No heed was paid to the blank shots or the commands to stop, and both cruisers then opened fire. Several shells dropped in the water near the Asuncion. The liner halted immediately and was undamaged.

The Asuncion's captain protested that he was attempting to escape, but lost his bearings in the fog.

The German steamship Asuncion, constructed at Hamburg in 1895, is of 4,663 gross tons and is 375 feet long and 46 feet beam. She is owned by the Hamburg South America Steamship Co. of Hamburg, and had been reported as remaining voluntarily in Para.

U. S. LIKELY TO ACCEPT TEUTONS' POLICY AS TO ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS

Washington, Feb. 12.—Diplomatic representatives of the entente allies have made oral presentations to Secretary Lansing regarding the American memorandum to their governments suggesting the disarmament of merchant ships and suggesting that merchantmen entering American ports might be regarded as warships. The texts of the notes from Germany and Austria, which have been handed to Ambassadors Gerard and Fendler, setting forth the intention of those governments to treat armed merchant ships of the entente allies as warships also are being awaited.

A high official today declared it was not fair to say at this time that the views of the United States on armed merchant vessels were absolutely in accord with the views of Germany and Austria. Officials will make a decision until the official texts have been received from Berlin and Vienna.

There are strong indications, however, that various high officials consider the position of the central powers well founded in view of the changed conditions of sea warfare.

FOREIGN COMMISSION, HERE TODAY, KEEPING RUSSIAN AGENTS BUSY

At the offices of the Russian Information Bureau in the First-Bridgeport National Bank building it was learned today that General Czeiger had returned to his post. He was undoubtedly a very busy man as when reporters called there today he was engrossed in listening to at least five lieutenants, some of which are able to speak German fluently.

An attempt to obtain an interview was frustrated by his subordinates who saw to it that his private office was immediately closed and explained politely that the general was engaged upon "business of a private nature."

The recent publication of articles bearing on the general and his present business in Bridgeport was appreciated by staff members of the office.

An attempt to reach Colonel Colloff at the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. was nearly successful through the negotiation of his private secretary who said that but for the presence of the French and Russian commissions, at this time in the plant and engaging the time of Colonel Colloff, he would have procured an interview with the colonel.

It was admitted that the Remington Arms plant by the official Russian interpreter, that General Czeiger was "highly connected" in Russian government circles but no information would be vouchsafed as to his business or mission, that has required a large office in Bridgeport. All inspection of arms and ammunition here, however, it was said, is done by persons stationed in the munition works here.

No signs have yet appeared on the doorways of the offices in rooms 716, 717 and 718 on the seventh floor of the bank building, attendants of which say that hundreds of persons visit the offices in the course of a week.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE BETTER

An improvement has been noticed in the condition of Mrs. Annie E. Carson by the attendants at the Bridgeport hospital where she is confined. Mrs. Carson attempted to end her life by cutting her throat with her husband's razor. She will probably recover.